

## Off to a rough start but things got very interestingâ€¦!

I was looking forward to a ride without leg warmers, and in that I wasn't disappointed. Unfortunately, I didn't just leave my leg warmers behind, but my legs as well. The guys (Eric, Syl, Shane, John & Mike) weren't riding up particularly fast; I just happened to be particularly slow this morning, and when it's 70 degrees at the start of the ride, I can't complain that it's too cold for my lungs.

But as is almost always the case, I gradually started feeling better as the ride went on. A pretty civilized group this morning, not even contesting sprints (partly because there seemed to be more traffic on the roads than normal), with Eric even calling out the lizards on west-side Old LaHonda so we wouldn't run over them. Lots of lizards out basking in the sun.



Rattlesnake on Old LaHonda Road



Closeup of rattlesnake

And a snake. Pretty good sized snake with interesting markings, as you can see in the photo (assuming I've figured out how to deal with photos in this new blog). Curious that everyone seems to be standing quite a bit further behind the snake than the fool taking the picture.

It took a while but we eventually convinced it to move off the road.